

PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

OMB No. 2577-0226
Expires 4/30/2011

1.0 PHA Information					
PHA Name: <u>Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority</u>					
PHA Code: <u>OH078</u>					
PHA Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Performing <input type="checkbox"/> Standard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HCV (Section 8)					
PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (MM/YYYY): <u>2010</u>					
2.0 Inventory (based on ACC units at time of FY beginning in 1.0 above) Number of PH units: _____ Number of HCV units: <u>196</u>					
3.0 Submission Type <input type="checkbox"/> 5-Year and Annual Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Plan Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5-Year Plan Only					
4.0 PHA Consortia <input type="checkbox"/> PHA Consortia: (Check box if submitting a joint Plan and complete table below.)					
Participating PHAs		PHA Code	Program(s) Included in the Consortia	Programs Not in the Consortia	No. of Units in Each Program PH HCV
PHA 1:					
PHA 2:					
PHA 3:					
5.0 5-Year Plan. Complete items 5.1 and 5.2 only at 5-Year Plan update.					
5.1 Mission. State the PHA's Mission for serving the needs of low-income, very low-income, and extremely low income families in the PHA's jurisdiction for the next five years: <u>The Mission of the Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority is to assist the low income, very low income, and extremely low income families of Vinton County, Ohio in finding decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing opportunities.</u>					
5.2 Goals and Objectives. Identify the PHA's quantifiable goals and objectives that will enable the PHA to serve the needs of low-income and very low-income, and extremely low-income families for the next five years. Include a report on the progress the PHA has made in meeting the goals and objectives described in the previous 5-Year Plan. Goals that have been met by the Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority include the successful implementation of the VMHA Homeownership Program and obtaining funding for the position of a Homeownership Coordinator. The VMHA also met the goal of improving it's SEMAP score to High Performer. The VMHA also met the goal of adding working families as a preference to the VMHA waiting list preferences. For the future the VMHA's goals and objectives are to continue to implement the Homeownership Program even though funding for the position has been taken away the VMHA hopes to continue the program by combining it with the Family Self Sufficiency Program. Other goals include maintaining the High Performer status with SEMAP and take advantage of any new funding or voucher allocations that would help to maintain and improve the VMHA's ability to provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to the citizens of Vinton Count y, Ohio.					
6.0 PHA Plan Update					
(a) Identify all PHA Plan elements that have been revised by the PHA since its last Annual Plan submission: (b) Identify the specific location(s) where the public may obtain copies of the 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan. For a complete list of PHA Plan elements, see Section 6.0 of the instructions. The public may view a copy of the VMHA 5-Year and Annual Plan at the VMHA office at 310 W. High St., McArthur, OH 45651. A copy is also available at the Public Library located at 120 N. Market St., McArthur, OH 45651					

7.0	<p>Hope VI, Mixed Finance Modernization or Development, Demolition and/or Disposition, Conversion of Public Housing, Homeownership Programs, and Project-based Vouchers. The VMHA has implemented a Homeownership Program, the HO Plan is part of the Admin Plan for the VMHA and can be viewed at the same locations as the 5-Year and Annual Plans. Since the conversion of the FSS and Homeownership Programs the VMHA no longer receives separate funding for an FSS and Homeownership Coordinator but the VMHA has combined the two positions and will continue to implement both Programs.</p>
8.0	<p>Capital Improvements. Please complete Parts 8.1 through 8.3, as applicable. N/A</p>
8.1	<p>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report. As part of the PHA 5-Year and Annual Plan, annually complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</i>, form HUD-50075.1, for each current and open CFP grant and CFFP financing. N/A</p>
8.2	<p>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan. As part of the submission of the Annual Plan, PHAs must complete and submit the <i>Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan</i>, form HUD-50075.2, and subsequent annual updates (on a rolling basis, e.g., drop current year, and add latest year for a five year period). Large capital items must be included in the Five-Year Action Plan. N/A</p>
8.3	<p>Capital Fund Financing Program (CFFP). <input type="checkbox"/> Check if the PHA proposes to use any portion of its Capital Fund Program (CFP)/Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) to repay debt incurred to finance capital improvements. N/A</p>
9.0	<p>Housing Needs. Based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data, make a reasonable effort to identify the housing needs of the low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA, including elderly families, families with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups, and other families who are on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location. With the economic downturn that has been evident all over the country the VMHA has actually seen an increase in available housing due to the slow real estate market. More houses have actually been offered as rental as owners are unable to sell properties. However, there is always a need for increased availability of units of all size as well as their always being a need for an increased availability of the quality of units. Larger units such as four and five and larger units have always been in demand. Many times a large family must settle for a unit that does not quit meet their needs because of a shortage of larger units. With four apartment complexes available in the county the needs of the elderly and disabled households are being met however there is a need for more handicapped accessible units outside of the apartment complexes. Some landlords have been willing to provide ramps and other features but this could be increased. Because of our area the VMHA has been able to keep rent costs down. Our Fair Market Rents are at 95% and we have not had issued with the ability to lease units of any size.</p>
9.1	<p>Strategy for Addressing Housing Needs. Provide a brief description of the PHA's strategy for addressing the housing needs of families in the jurisdiction and on the waiting list in the upcoming year. Note: Small, Section 8 only, and High Performing PHAs complete only for Annual Plan submission with the 5-Year Plan. N/A The Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority is a small High Performing Section 8 only HA</p>
10.0	<p>Additional Information. Describe the following, as well as any additional information HUD has requested.</p> <p>(a) Progress in Meeting Mission and Goals. Provide a brief statement of the PHA's progress in meeting the mission and goals described in the 5-Year Plan.</p> <p>(b) Significant Amendment and Substantial Deviation/Modification. Provide the PHA's definition of "significant amendment" and "substantial deviation/modification" A substantial deviation or significant amendment would be any change that prohibit, redirect, or significantly alter the VMHA's goals and strategies to provide decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing to the citizens of Vinton County, Ohio. A substantial deviation does not include changes in HUD rules and regulations and the minor changes in day to day operations to adhere to the HUD changes in rules and regulations.</p>

11.0

Required Submission for HUD Field Office Review. In addition to the PHA Plan template (HUD-50075), PHAs must submit the following documents. Items (a) through (g) may be submitted with signature by mail or electronically with scanned signatures, but electronic submission is encouraged. Items (h) through (i) must be attached electronically with the PHA Plan. **Note:** Faxed copies of these documents will not be accepted by the Field Office.

- (a) Form HUD-50077, *PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations* (which includes all certifications relating to Civil Rights)
- (b) Form HUD-50070, *Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
- (c) Form HUD-50071, *Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
- (d) Form SF-LLL, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
- (e) Form SF-LLL-A, *Disclosure of Lobbying Activities Continuation Sheet* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
- (f) Resident Advisory Board (RAB) comments. Comments received from the RAB must be submitted by the PHA as an attachment to the PHA Plan. PHAs must also include a narrative describing their analysis of the recommendations and the decisions made on these recommendations.
- (g) Challenged Elements
- (h) Form HUD-50075.1, *Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)
- (i) Form HUD-50075.2, *Capital Fund Program Five-Year Action Plan* (PHAs receiving CFP grants only)

**PHA Certifications of Compliance
with PHA Plans and Related
Regulations**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
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**PHA Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations:
Board Resolution to Accompany the PHA 5-Year and Annual PHA Plan**

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioners, I approve the submission of the X 5-Year and/or Annual PHA Plan for the PHA fiscal year beginning 2010, hereinafter referred to as "the Plan", of which this document is a part and make the following certifications and agreements with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

1. The Plan is consistent with the applicable comprehensive housing affordability strategy (or any plan incorporating such strategy) for the jurisdiction in which the PHA is located.
2. The Plan contains a certification by the appropriate State or local officials that the Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan, which includes a certification that requires the preparation of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, for the PHA's jurisdiction and a description of the manner in which the PHA Plan is consistent with the applicable Consolidated Plan.
3. The PHA certifies that there has been no change, significant or otherwise, to the Capital Fund Program (and Capital Fund Program/Replacement Housing Factor) Annual Statement(s), since submission of its last approved Annual Plan. The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement/Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report must be submitted annually even if there is no change.
4. The PHA has established a Resident Advisory Board or Boards, the membership of which represents the residents assisted by the PHA, consulted with this Board or Boards in developing the Plan, and considered the recommendations of the Board or Boards (24 CFR 903.13). The PHA has included in the Plan submission a copy of the recommendations made by the Resident Advisory Board or Boards and a description of the manner in which the Plan addresses these recommendations.
5. The PHA made the proposed Plan and all information relevant to the public hearing available for public inspection at least 45 days before the hearing, published a notice that a hearing would be held and conducted a hearing to discuss the Plan and invited public comment.
6. The PHA certifies that it will carry out the Plan in conformity with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
7. The PHA will affirmatively further fair housing by examining their programs or proposed programs, identify any impediments to fair housing choice within those programs, address those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available and work with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdiction's initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA's involvement and maintain records reflecting these analyses and actions.
8. For PHA Plan that includes a policy for site based waiting lists:
 - The PHA regularly submits required data to HUD's 50058 PIC/IMS Module in an accurate, complete and timely manner (as specified in PIH Notice 2006-24);
 - The system of site-based waiting lists provides for full disclosure to each applicant in the selection of the development in which to reside, including basic information about available sites; and an estimate of the period of time the applicant would likely have to wait to be admitted to units of different sizes and types at each site;
 - Adoption of site-based waiting list would not violate any court order or settlement agreement or be inconsistent with a pending complaint brought by HUD;
 - The PHA shall take reasonable measures to assure that such waiting list is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing;
 - The PHA provides for review of its site-based waiting list policy to determine if it is consistent with civil rights laws and certifications, as specified in 24 CFR part 903.7(c)(1).
9. The PHA will comply with the prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age pursuant to the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.
10. The PHA will comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and 24 CFR Part 41, Policies and Procedures for the Enforcement of Standards and Requirements for Accessibility by the Physically Handicapped.
11. The PHA will comply with the requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135.

12. The PHA will comply with acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24 as applicable.
13. The PHA will take appropriate affirmative action to award contracts to minority and women's business enterprises under 24 CFR 5.105(a).
14. The PHA will provide the responsible entity or HUD any documentation that the responsible entity or HUD needs to carry out its review under the National Environmental Policy Act and other related authorities in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58 or Part 50, respectively.
15. With respect to public housing the PHA will comply with Davis-Bacon or HUD determined wage rate requirements under Section 12 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.
16. The PHA will keep records in accordance with 24 CFR 85.20 and facilitate an effective audit to determine compliance with program requirements.
17. The PHA will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act, the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, and 24 CFR Part 35.
18. The PHA will comply with the policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular No. A-87 (Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments), 2 CFR Part 225, and 24 CFR Part 85 (Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State, Local and Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments).
19. The PHA will undertake only activities and programs covered by the Plan in a manner consistent with its Plan and will utilize covered grant funds only for activities that are approvable under the regulations and included in its Plan.
20. All attachments to the Plan have been and will continue to be available at all times and all locations that the PHA Plan is available for public inspection. All required supporting documents have been made available for public inspection along with the Plan and additional requirements at the primary business office of the PHA and at all other times and locations identified by the PHA in its PHA Plan and will continue to be made available at least at the primary business office of the PHA.
21. The PHA provides assurance as part of this certification that:
 - (i) The Resident Advisory Board had an opportunity to review and comment on the changes to the policies and programs before implementation by the PHA;
 - (ii) The changes were duly approved by the PHA Board of Directors (or similar governing body); and
 - (iii) The revised policies and programs are available for review and inspection, at the principal office of the PHA during normal business hours.
22. The PHA certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable Federal statutory and regulatory requirements.

Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority

OH078


PHA Name

PHA Number/HA Code

X 5-Year PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 2010 - 2014

Annual PHA Plan for Fiscal Years 20__ - 20__

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate. **Warning:** HUD will prosecute false claims and statements. Conviction may result in criminal and/or civil penalties. (18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012, 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official	Title
Mark Anthony Walker	Board Chairman
Signature	Date
	6/29/10

Civil Rights Certification

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing
Expires 4/30/2011

Civil Rights Certification

Annual Certification and Board Resolution

Acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Public Housing Agency (PHA) listed below, as its Chairman or other authorized PHA official if there is no Board of Commissioner, I approve the submission of the Plan for the PHA of which this document is a part and make the following certification and agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in connection with the submission of the Plan and implementation thereof:

The PHA certifies that it will carry out the public housing program of the agency in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Fair Housing Act, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and will affirmatively further fair housing.


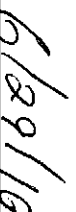
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Name of Authorized Official	Title
Mark Anthony Walker	Board Chairman
Signature 	Date 

Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

Applicant Name

Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

Acting on behalf of the above named Applicant as its Authorized Official, I make the following certifications and agreements to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding the sites listed below:

I certify that the above named Applicant will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- a. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Applicant's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition.
- b. Establishing an on-going drug-free awareness program to inform employees ---
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The Applicant's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.
- c. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph a.;
- d. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph a. that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will ---
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
- e. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
 - f. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph d.(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted ---
 - (1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
 - g. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs a. thru f.

2. **Sites for Work Performance.** The Applicant shall list (on separate pages) the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the HUD funding of the program/activity shown above: Place of Performance shall include the street address, city, county, State, and zip code. Identify each sheet with the Applicant name and address and the program/activity receiving grant funding.)

Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority
310 W. High St.
McArthur, OH 45651 Vinton County, Ohio

Check here ☐ if there are workplaces on file that are not identified on the attached sheets.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate.
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(18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official	Title
J. Richard Griffith	Executive Director

Signature

Date

X *J. Richard Griffith*

06/29/2010

Certification of Payments to Influence Federal Transactions

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Public and Indian Housing

Applicant Name

Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority

Program/Activity Receiving Federal Grant Funding

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

I hereby certify that all the information stated herein, as well as any information provided in the accompaniment herewith, is true and accurate.

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(18 U.S.C. 1001, 1010, 1012; 31 U.S.C. 3729, 3802)

Name of Authorized Official

J. Richard Griffith

Title

Executive Director

Signature



Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

06/29/2010

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Approved by OMB

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

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(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

1. Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	3. Report Type: <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known: _____ Congressional Program Name/Description: _____ CFDA Number, if applicable: 14.857 & 14.855	
6. Federal Department/Agency: HUD	7. Federal Action Number, if known: 8. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):	b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when the transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.		
Federal Use Only:		Signature: <u>J. Richard Dettl</u> Print Name: <u>J. Richard Dettl</u> Title: <u>Executive Director</u> Telephone No.: <u>(740) 596-5963</u> Date: <u>October 2010</u>
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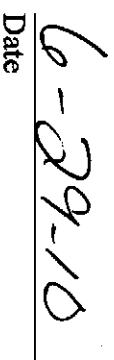
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Resident Advisory Board

The Resident Advisory Board has reviewed the 5-Year Plan for the Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority. The Resident Advisory Board hopes that the VMHA will be able to continue both the FSS and Homeownership Programs. The RAB sees Homeownership and becoming self sufficient as very important to many of the clients of the VMHA. The Resident Advisory Board for the Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority does not challenge any element of the 5-year Plan.


Signature


Date

If you or anyone in your family is a person with disabilities and you require a specific accommodation in order to utilize our programs and services, please contact VMHA at 596-5963.



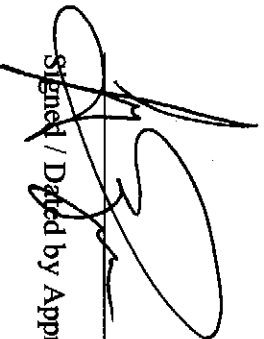
EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

**Certification by State or Local
Official of PHA Plans Consistency
with the Consolidated Plan**

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**Certification by State or Local Official of PHA Plans Consistency with the
Consolidated Plan**

I, Jerry Zinn the President, Vinton County Commissioners certify that the Five Year and
Annual PHA Plan of the Vinton Metropolitan Housing Authority is consistent with the Consolidated Plan of
Vinton County, Ohio prepared pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91.


6-29-2010
Signed / Dated by Appropriate State or Local Official



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*Executive Director
J. Richard Griffith*

TO: All participants of the Federally Assisted Housing programs (landlords and tenants)

FROM: J. Richard Griffith, Executive Director

RE: "Violence Against Women and Justice Department Reauthorization Act of 2005"

This letter is intended to inform you of a regulation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding implementation of the "Violence Against Women and Justice Department Reauthorization Act of 2005" (also called VAWA).

The VAWA concerns certain victims of criminal domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking as well as members of the victim's immediate family. This public law protects these victims from losing their HUD-assisted housing as a consequence of the abuse of which they were the victim. All Housing Choice Voucher holders and all owners with units on the program must comply with this public law. The VAWA was signed into law by President George W. Bush on January 5, 2006 and became effective on that date.

Under this public law, an incident of domestic violence or stalking in which the tenant is the victim does not qualify as "serious or repeated violations of the lease", nor does the incident constitute grounds for termination of their tenancy. Victims of abuse must fill out a HUD approved certification form to certify that the alleged incident of abuse is true. Additionally, voucher holders who want to escape an imminent threat of further violence or stalking have the right to relocate within the county, to another county or to another state (called portability).

The following is a brief overview of some major points of the VAWA:

Violence Against Women Act 2005

Public Law 109 – 162 (Title VI) and Regulation 42CFR1437

- * The purpose of the VAWA is to protect the victim of domestic violence and not the perpetrator.
- * The VAWA prohibits the denial or termination of federal housing assistance to victims of:
 - Domestic Violence: Crime of violence (felony or misdemeanor) against a person protected under domestic or family violence laws.
 - Stalking : To follow or watch a person with reasonable fear of harmful intent.
 - Sexual Assault : Conduct against a person described in 18USC109A.
 - Dating Violence : To violate a person who is or has been in a social or intimate relationship with a victim or immediate family member.

For the victim, these acts are not considered material or repeated violations of the lease. In the Housing Choice Voucher program the victim may be granted portability to escape imminent threats of domestic violence. These offences can be either threatened or actual and should be judged on a case-by-case basis.

Victim status can be confirmed by:

1. Corroborating evidence (police reports).
2. Protection orders.
3. Restraining orders.
4. Civil or court injunctions.
5. Certification forms, signed by an advocate (medical, agency, etc.) under penalty of perjury citing the incident and naming the perpetrator.

Anyone who is a victim of domestic violence can come into the VMHA office and, in private, complete a "Victim Status Certification Form". A copy of the completed form will be given to you and the original will be kept in your file at VMHA. This information will be kept confidential.

Victims may seek legal protection. The perpetrator can be removed from the family and barred from contact, i.e. removed from the lease, prohibited from being on the premises.

The law also prohibits the release of information regarding the victim or any information identifying the victim or the victim's whereabouts.

NOTE: Notwithstanding the above, any unrelated violation of the lease or family responsibilities remain grounds for denial or termination of federal assisted housing.

Thank you for your cooperation and compliance in following the regulations of the VAWA. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the VMHA office at (740) 596-5963.

Sincerely,



J. Richard Griffith,
Executive Director

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